

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled:

## TISSUE TREATMENT METHOD

specification of which \_\_\_\_\_, the

(check one) ☒ is attached hereto

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

United States Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or

PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

(if applicable)

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

☐ I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

☐ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed (as listed below) and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number) _____	(Country) _____	(Day/Month/Year Filed) _____	Yes	No
(Number) _____	(Country) _____	(Day/Month/Year Filed) _____	Yes	No
(Number) _____	(Country) _____	(Day/Month/Year Filed) _____	Yes	No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(b) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 1.1(h) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled TISSUE TREATMENT METHOD described in

☒ the specification filed herewith.  
☐ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

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